

HEREFORD FOOTBALL CLUB



Policy on Bucket Collections at Hereford FC

Due to the large number of requests from charities, clubs, schools and other groups, as well as individuals, it has been necessary to formulate a policy on “bucket” collections at the football ground. This is in order to achieve a number of aims, including limiting the exposure of fans to collections that will, hopefully, result in more generous donations when collections do take place.

Number of collections

Limited to 9 charitable collections in total during the course of the playing season - August to April in any year.

Eligibility

The collection must be for, but not necessarily made by, a UK registered charity. Evidence of receipt of the proceeds of the collection from the registered charity will be required within 28 days of the collection.

Allocation

By written application to Hereford FC a minimum of 6 weeks in advance of preferred date, if any. Successful applications will be allocated a specific collection date that may be any date on which Hereford FC have a home fixture. All qualifying applications will be allocated on a first come basis.

Collectors

A maximum of 8 people (minimum age 17) all must wear clothing or a bib that clearly identifies the charity on the front and rear. Personal identification in the form of a photo pass on a lanyard is also required.

Equipment

A purpose designed plastic bucket with lid that allows money to drop through and helps prevent loss of cash.

Timing

Report to the reception desk at Hereford FC at 1230 on the allocated match day. Two collectors may start immediately collecting outside the stadium in the area between Blackfriars Street and Radfords Bar. 1 collector at a point in the area between the reception and the entrance to the Club Shop, the second collector in the area of Radfords bar. In the interests of free passage and safety no collection is to be made within 10 meters of any entrance door, gateway or access point.

Turnstiles open at 2pm when other collectors may start inside the stadium. There are three stands, surrounding the pitch, Merton, Len Weston and Meadow end Terrace.

Hereford FC suggest that 2 collectors work from opposite ends of each of the stands.

In seated stands (Merton and Len Weston) it is permitted to walk along the front walkway (at the lower level) and also to climb the stairs between the various blocks within the stands, however, care must be taken not to prevent spectators gaining access to or from seats.

Collections must cease at the point when the teams enter the pitch so as not to interfere with spectators enjoyment of the match at kick-off.

Health and Safety

Health and Safety is important and the stadium is a dangerous place. There are many steps and trip hazards therefore extreme care must be taken particularly in wet or cold weather. Always comply with instructions given by a match day steward, a club official or any police officer present in the stadium.

The Edgar Street Stadium is a “No smoking” area once pitch side and alcohol is also prohibited within the ground.

Liability

Hereford FC recommend that in addition to this policy document all interested parties also study the Hereford FC Customer Charter and Ground Regulations that are available on the official web site at www.herefordfc.co.uk.

The Club excludes to the maximum extent permitted by law any liability for loss, injury or damage to persons/property in or around the Ground.

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